

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

January 24, 2007

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:03 p.m., by the INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT, Cecilia Perez.

ROLL CALL

Amanda Burlingame
Scarlet Chan
Ajay Deshpande
Jaclyn Feldstein
Jenna Galoob
Matt Jackson
Deirdre Mathis
Samantha Nevels
Jason Parnell
Tiffany Pascual
John Paul Primeau
Jeronimo Saldana
Jason "JP" Slauenwhite
Julia Stephanides
Ian Taylor
Meri Telalyan
Alex Van Wagner

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Cecilia - Sam Marks will be absent next week, he has requested to be excused. Shahan has asked to be excused at 6:15pm for the rest of the quarter; Daniel will be here to proxy for him. Chaz is here to proxy for Julia. Maggie is to be excused for the first 30 minutes of the meeting, and Scarlet is to be excused at 6:30pm.

MC Motion to approve as suggested. (Raymond)(Samantha)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to change orders of the day. (Chaz)(Samantha)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to move Acceptance of Agenda to after Announcements. (Chaz)(Jeronimo)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caroline - UCSB Reads starts tomorrow. The books will be recycled when you bring them back, so that other students can read them.

Sam is recognized at 5:06pm.

Yvonne Tran – The GROW applications are due this Friday. Please turn them in to the MCC or to the AS Main Office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MC Motion to add the minutes of Womyn's Commission 11/6/06, Student Lobby 1/18/07 and IVCRC 1/23/07, and to add as Action Item #2 the approval of Jeronimo and Amanda's switch of Committees. (Amanda)(JPP)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to strike Old Business #1 from the agenda. (Chaz)(JPP)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add as Action Item #3 the approval of Cory Huber to Investments, to add as Action Item #4 the appointment of Naz to Investments as the Vice Chair and to add as Action Item #5 the appointment of Kevin Higuchi to Finance Board. (Samantha)(Ian)

Raymond – I have an issue with the appointment of Naz to Investments, because of her poor attendance to Finance Board. I feel that someone with a good attendance record should be appointed.

Samantha – Garen Pederson asked me to appoint Naz to the Vice Chair position. I did not make this decision.

MC Unfriendly amendment to exclude the appointment of Naz from Action Items.

MCP Ammendment passes with a 10/5/6 vote.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add A Resolution to Support UC Affordability and Accessibility for all Students as New Business #3. (Amanda)(JPP)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept agenda as amended. (Chaz)(Ian)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Molly is recognized at 5:11pm.

Richard Sloven – I would like to talk about the freezing of the Nexus' Funds. I am a member of Program Board and of this community. I have been a member of AS for three years with Program Board. I know that all of the Legislative Council members are very active in the community, but I do not feel that the freezing the funds was the correct way to go about this. I know that Legislative Council is important and I think that what you are doing is a terrible decision. You are putting all AS entities in jeopardy. I have been attacked because of the actions that Legislative Council took, even though I am not a member of Legislative Council. I think that this will bring about a battle of free speech.

Tim Cully – I am here from Students for a Free Press. We want to stand up for Jared and to support his veto of the Nexus resolution. I feel that there are better ways to deal with Conquest. The Students Initiative was barely passed, and if you cut the Nexus' funds then you will lose the Students Initiative.

Keith Russell – I am here to talk to you about the process that you went about in freezing the Nexus' funds. I think that on issues like this you should give the public a chance to talk to you and to think on the resolution.

Eva Kilamyan – We are all here because we care about the issue at hand. I got a phone call yesterday, from someone previously from Associated Students. He told me that the resolution to freeze the Nexus' funds was not about the Conquest issue but was discussed last year around elections time. He said that if this is continued, he is willing to bring these previous actions to light. You did not need to freeze their funds; you should have spoken to the advertising desk instead of jumping to conclusions.

Molly – We have had dialog with the Nexus.

JPP – The idea that this is a conspiracy theory, is wrong.

Samantha – There is no conspiracy theory.

Molly – I feel that leaving the person unnamed is unbecoming and should not be brought up. I feel that you underestimate our commitment to the families of Cederwood; we are committed to this cause. For you to trivialize Conquest's role in our community is in bad judgment.

Chaz – Our beef with the Nexus is with the huge amount of debt that they have. They are forced to take money from Conquest because they have such a huge debt. What we need to do as a council and as a student body is to hold the Nexus accountable. We would not allow any other committee to take money from a company who disregarded the community so completely.

Raymond – I think that we should let the public talk and then address the issue.

Jen Doyle – The sudoku gets me through my 8am classes. I know what they did was wrong but I feel that freezing their assets is not the right way to go about it.

Cervin – I have never seen this many people at a Legislative Council meeting. If you want to boycott Associated Students because of the boycott of Conquest, then do it. These people showing up allows for a conflict, and for all of us to discuss the issue and to get to the bottom of it. I think that the boycott group is laughable. You could form a group and go to Finance Board; they will fund you to protest this issue. I am glad that Jeronimo and Raymond brought up this issue, because it brings discussion to Legislative Council.

George – While I do not like what Conquest has done, I do not feel that this is an AS matter. This is a capitalist society and we can not stop the news because they took money from a company. I am not here for the nexus. You are here to represent the student body. I would like for you to take my opinion into consideration when you make your decisions.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jared – Legislative Council took the Nexus bill off the agenda, so there is no way for them to override it.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

none

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marilyn Dukes

I sent out a lot of emails dealing with the chancellors concerns about the Nexus' freezing of funds. I would like to thank Robin, in the Associated Students Legal Council, for the work that she did with the analysis information.

AS Bikes recently repaved the Pardall bike path.

Program Board is starting their After Hours in the Hub events, which are free or low cost.

KCSB is upgrading their studios, so please stop by and check them out.

The first ever All Gaucho Reunion is on April 22nd.

We are hoping a reception for Don Daves-Rougeaux will be on Feb 7th 3-5pm.

There is a new publications manager for the Daily Nexus.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jared Goldschen

I would like to address the council about the veto. The reason for the veto was because our legal adviser said that the action we took was highly illegal. I recommend finding other ways to hold the Nexus' accountable for their debt. I think that we should reactivate the UCSB Press Council. This is a committee to advise the Chancellor about press issues on campus. I think that we should try to help get this committee started, so that this committee might police the Nexus.

Concerning my meeting with the other Associated Students presidents. I was grounded in the Santa Barbara airport.

We are in the process of filling a listing for the Executive Director Position.

Jared and Vice Chancellor Michael Young spoke about the process that is being used to hire a new executive director.

Michael – I would like to appoint a committee that would have students, Associated Students staff, campus faculty, as well as a chancellor. This committee would make recommendations to me, about whom to appoint to the director position. This is the mirror image of the process that was used 5 years ago when we hired Don.

Jared – The listing language will be approved this week, and will be submitted soon. We are hoping to hire someone by May.

I would like to thank Marlyn for compiling all of the local information for happenings on campus.

Last week we had a leadership retreat. We had a very good discussion about current issues, alumni relations, and student body participation. I would like to establish a “Spirit Committee” to get the student population more active in UCSB.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Cecilia Perez

The working meeting will happen next week.

The recruitment fair was a huge success.

I will talk about the Honoraria reinstatement from Finance Board to any one with questions.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS’ REPORT – Joel Rodriguez-Flores

There is a lot of local things happening. This past weekend we had a local affairs retreat. We decided that, our main goal is to restart COPS. We also set a date for the 2nd Homegrown Revolution; it will be on Saturday, April 14th. IVCRC and IVTU are going to take the lead in planning this event.

We are working on getting our community more involved in Recycling.

Next week is the final approval meeting for the IV Master Plan. It is at the same time as Legislative Council, so if you are interested please go.

As a part of COPS we are going to work on the lighting in IV.

They are about to bury all the cables in IV, so the electrical buzzing that you hear will soon be gone.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS’ REPORT – Bill Shiebler

I would like to apologize to all of you. The people who work the hardest for students, are the ones who are most misrepresented.

I have been traveling all over the state, giving talks and discussing all the current issues. I will be continuing this throughout the year.

There are many fees on campus, and each of these are different. We are looking at a huge hike in fees, and the work/loan increase is not helping.

We are also working on increasing the Cal Grant B.

Academic Prep and Outreach programs have been cut from the State's Budget. We are working on protesting that, and trying to find a different way of going about these budget cuts.

The Grass Roots Organizing weekend is coming up. Please go, this is a valuable learning experience. It is Feb 2-4th and is free.

The Student Lobby conference is coming up.

March 3-6 is the National Lobby Conference; this is when we go to DC. We are working on our next "100-Day" strategy.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Samantha – The AS Radio Show is every Tuesday from 7:30-8. We tell what is on the council's agenda. We had our second show, and it was great.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Tiffany – IVTU met and we had a great discussion.

Chaz – Finance Board met and gave out some money.

Jenna – I have been in contact with the Legal Resource Center and am trying to get publicity for them. I am also working on getting COPS up and running again. IVCRC met yesterday and gave money to the America reads program.

Deirdre – IVTU met yesterday. We also took a stance on Conquest. SCORE had a Non Violence Workshop.

Alex – Elections met last Thursday. We are looking over the Constitution. We set the dates for elections and for the declaration of candidacy.

Samantha – Committee on Committees had their recruitment fair, it was quite successful. We gave out over 100 BCC applications.

Molly – It was nice to have an Associated Students presence in the Arbor. I think that we should serve our office hours on campus in an accessible location more often.

Maggie – BIKES met but I was unable to go. IVTU talked about the Conquest issue.

Ian – We are down a Leggie, we need to set up a committee to find us a new On Campus Representative. I would like there to be a lot of applications, so please recruit people for the position.

Matt – April 6th the Killers will be playing in the events center.

Jason – The After Hours in the Hub is having Moving Units next week in the hub. The BSU will be having a comedy night. Delta Sigma Theta is having their "Jabberwalk" event tomorrow.

JPP – The IV foot patrol rating website is getting started.

Jeronimo – UCSB just got a 2.3 billion dollar research grant to research weapons. On the 15th we are having a protest against the war in Iraq. Please join us. There is a pro immigration rally next week in down town Santa Barbara.

Scarlet – Finance Board met and set aside money for students to go to conferences. We also set aside \$400,000 for spring quarter.

Jaclyn – RHA is setting up activities in the Hub and redesigning the dining commons meal plans.

Amanda – Student Lobby is having a conference, which will have a dance with a theme of “Casino Royal”. The admission price will be a new package of underwear.

Sam – I need to talk to people about COPS. CODA met officially for the first time this quarter. We got an SIOP grant, and we want to talk to SBCC to recruit people to come to UCSB.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

CAB 1/23/07, FB 1/22/07, ASPB 1/22/07, LC 1/17/07, Womyn's Commission 11/6/06, SL 1/18/07, IVCRC 1/23/07

MC Motion to bundle and approve with the revisions to LC 1/17/07. (Samantha)(Ajay)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of Second Pro-Tempore

Cecilia – I recommended Samantha Nevels as the Second Pro-Tempore.

Ian read off the obligations of the Second Pro-Tempore.

MC Motion to table and to reopen the applicant pool. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

Samantha – We should appoint the Second Pro-Tempore tonight so that that person could get started on their work.

JPP – I think that we should appoint tonight.

Raymond – We should allow for someone that we are comfortable talking to, to apply. I think that we should appoint someone who was here last quarter and someone who is going to go above and beyond with legal code.

Cervin – I think that you should move forward and not table it. The job needs to get done.

JPP – I have worked with Samantha and she has always given 101%.

MCF Motion fails by a 2/13/5 vote.

MC Motion to appoint Samantha as the Second Pro-Tempore. (Amanda)(Ajay)
MCP Motion passes by a 13/5/3 vote.

2. Appointment of Amanda

Cecilia – Amanda has switched with Jeronimo.

MC Motion to approve appointment of Amanda. (Ajay)(Samantha)
MC Friendly amendment approve the rest of today's Action Items. (Raymond)
MCC Motion passes by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Bill to make Necessary Changes to Legal Code

Raymond – read the major changes.

MC Friendly amendment to strike the last partial sentence of Article I, Section 1, A. (JPP)

MC Motion to table for a week. (Jeronimo)(Molly)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. A Resolution to Support a Building Proposal for Student Initiated Outreach

Raymond explained the resolution.

MC Motion to approve. (Amanda)(Samantha)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

3. A Resolution to Support UC Affordability and Accessibility for all Students

Amanda explained the resolution, and read it.

Jaelyn – This is what it is all about. All students need to have the opportunity to go to college.

MC Motion to approve. (Samantha)(Ajay)

MC Motion to go to a vote. (Raymond)
MCF Motion fails by a 6/14/0 vote.
MC Friendly amendment to make the following changes:

1. To place a semicolon after each clause, before the and
 2. To place a \$ before the dollar amounts in the 4th and 5th Whereas'.
 3. To change the first Therefore to say "... Council: that the Governor be held accountable..."
 4. And to add the UCSA board Roster to the Cc's. (Ian)
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MC Friendly amendment to the last Therefore clause to say "...delegation of seven members to the Student Lobby Conference...". (Ajay)

MC Friendly amendment to the last Therefore clause to say "... one off campus representative, one on campus and one representative...". (Samantha)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

DISCUSSION

1. Work Meeting

Cecilia – It has been moved to next weeks meeting.

MC Motion to add Press Council and Campus Point to Projects. (Amanda)(Ajay)

MC Friendly amendment to add the Radio Show to Projects. (Samantha)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Matt – Concerning the resolution against POM, POM has issued a statement to end animal testing. The boycott will not end until we have written confirmation.

Jeronimo – I love Chaz.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please send in your office hours, the secretaries are now tracking if you show up for them. Please give me all the written amendment to the bills to night. Raymond please get me the Legal Code changes from last week.

REMARKS

Samantha – I would like to do a phone vote to approve Committee on Committees' minutes.

Chaz – I would like to apologize to Eva, I could have said what I needed to say to you without yelling.

Cecilia – Thank you for your respectfulness.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn meeting. (Amanda)(Jaclyn)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:11pm.
